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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Substitute pending claims 5 and 20 with the following:

5.   (Amended)   A vehicle allocation system for allocating one or more vehicles from a fleet of vehicles to one or more users, the vehicle allocation system comprising:

one or more ports at geographically remote locations relative to each other, each port having a user interface terminal for receiving user-input information;

at least one central station computer system coupled for communication with the user interface terminal at each port for receiving user-input information from any said user interface terminals, wherein said at least one central station computer is programmed to select and allocate a vehicle from the fleet in response to receiving user input-information

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